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SUBJECT:EXCHANGE OF LETTERS ON MFN ASSURANCES

REF: (A) BUDAPEST 960; (B) BUDAPEST 966

1. WE HAVE REVIEWED LATEST GOH VERSION OF THE EXCHANGE OF LETTERS (REFTEL B). WE CAN CONCUR WITH THE CHANGE ("ON OUR PART I ACKNOWLEDGED") IN PAR7 TWO OF THE FOREIGN MINISTER'S LETTER AND THE SINGLE CHANGE IN THE AMBASSADOR'S LETTER ("I AM PLEASED TO CONFIRM THAT").

2. THE POSITION OF THE GOH ASSURANCE
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LANGUAGE IS NOT IDEAL BECAUSE, AS YOU POINTED OUT IN PARA 7 REFTEL A, IT LINKS THE ASSURANCES MORE DIRECTLY TO THE FINAL ACT THAN OUR TEXT. ALSO, THE PHRASE "IN THIS CONTEXT" STRONGLY SUGGESTS THAT VANCE AND PUJA ACTUALLY USED THIS EXACT LANGUAGE.

3. YOU SHOULD NOTE TO NAGY OUR ACCEPTANCE OF THE REVI-

SIONS IN PARA ONE ABOVE AND THE GOH SUGGESTION TO RE-
POSITION THE EMIGRATION LANGUAGE INTO PARA FOUR OF THE
FOREIGN MINISTER'S LETTER. YOU MAY EXPLAIN THAT THE
PHRASE "IN THIS CONTEXT" WILL SUGGEST INCORRECTLY TO THE
READER THAT THE SPECIFIC STATEMENT ON EMIGRATION

WAS REPEATEDLY CONFIRMED BY VANCE AND PUJA DURING THEIR
JANUARY 7 MEETING. WE WOULD BE UNABLE TO SAY THAT THE
TWO FOREIGN MINISTERS DID, IN FACT, USE THESE WORDS.
TO AVOID THIS, WE SUGGEST PARA FOUR READ: "MOREOVER,
BOTH OUR COUNTRIES HAVE REPEATEDLY CONFIRMED THAT, CON-
CERNING CASES OF EMIGRATION, THEY UNDERTAKE TO ACT IN
ACCORDANCE WITH THE LETTER AND SPIRIT OF THE FINAL ACT
OF THE CONFERENCE ON SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE,
AND TO DEAL WITH THEM PROMPTLY, CONSTRUCTIVELY, AND WITH
GOOD WILL."

4. YOU SHOULD ALSO SEEK THE GOH TRANSLATION INTO HUNGARIAN
OF OUR NEW REVISION. VANCE

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